

support of existing communities; coordination and leverage of state policies and investment; and recognition and support of communities and neighborhoods.

The Sustainable Communities Task Force is chaired by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and includes members from the state departments of Administration, Commerce, Health and Human Services and Transportation, and from the N.C. Housing Finance Agency. For more information about the task force, please visit http://www.onencnaturally.org/pages/SC_SustainableCommunities.html.

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